

SCHOOL DAYS END WITH COMMENCEMENT

**Class of Nineteen Sixteen
Receive Their Diplomas
Thursday Night**

The class of nineteen sixteen of the Ontario high school passed out of the embrace of that institution last Thursday evening when the twenty-two members of which it was composed received their diplomas from the hands of Mr. McCulloch.

Miss Mable DeFoe was the valedictorian and Neva Billingsley the salutatorian of the class, both delivering very good addresses.

Ephraim Herriot also gave a good speech on the budget system of government. Bruce Dennit was the speaker of the evening giving an address that will not soon be forgotten by the class nor by those who were not members of the class.

The room was beautifully decorated due to the efforts of the juniors who had spent much time and work in fixing things up.

The assembly room was crowded to its capacity early in the evening and after the program the graduating class received congratulations from hundreds of enthusiastic people who expressed their feelings with the gripping hand of friendship extended to all the members and with words conveying their well wishes for the future.

ALUMNI INITIATE AND FEED NEW MEMBERS

The class of nineteen sixteen was initiated as members of the alumni Saturday evening when that organization gave a banquet in their honor in the Wilson hall.

An elaborate supper was served and the table was beautifully decorated in honor of the occasion. About a hundred members were present. Toasts were given and speeches were made by the prominent members, including Mr. Bailey, Mr. Conklin and the entire class of nineteen seven composed of Chet Lackey. This was the first class that graduated from the local high school.

Business was transacted also, a new president and secretary being elected. The presidency was conferred upon Deak Williams and Earl Blackaby was elected secretary and treasurer.

After the feed the table was taken up and the guests danced until a late hour after which the alumni went home to bed having grown larger by twenty-two members.

PROSPERITY WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED

Prosperity—that pleasant condition so much wanted—does not mean much to the majority of us when it is confined to a select few. Prosperity and good times in New York City may mean very little to the people of Oregon or New Mexico or some other distant section of the country, but home prosperity, community growth and development are things that vitally interest and touch every person regardless of his business or vocation or where he may live.

Everyone desires prosperity, the home brand of prosperity, the kind that all may participate in, and with the thought of arousing prosperity throughout the nation, the week of June 12-17, 1916, has been designated by the National Association of Merchants Trade Journal Readers, an incorporated society composed of individuals from practically every community of over 500 population in the United States, as Home Prosperity Week. The term "arousing prosperity" is used by this association advisedly, as prosperity is in reality a thing to be aroused.

We can imagine no more distressing sight than to see a beautiful complexion disappearing with the perspiration on a hot summer day.

WEISER GAS WELL PROSPECTS GOOD

That the Weiser Oil & Gas company has a well of undoubted commercial value is the conservative opinion of all those best qualified to judge who have visited the well since the last flow was struck at a depth of 420 feet about 11 o'clock Friday. A second flow had been tapped Thursday evening, this had been capped and a pressure gauge put on the pipe.

About 6:30 Friday morning the pressure had accumulated to such an extent that the cap blew off and residents of that part of town thought another earthquake or some other calamity was at hand. As soon as the pressure became normal drilling was resumed and a few feet farther down the present flow was tapped. All at once the drillers heard a rushing, roaring noise, and a moment later the rush of gas came throwing water, sand and gravel 75 feet or more in the air. This flow was not only much larger than the previous one but the pressure was much greater, so that it has been necessary to let the gas escape constantly. An inch and a quarter pipe has been attached and if the valve on this is closed for only a few minutes the pressure runs up to 80 pounds. With the valve open enough to make a flame ten feet high the pressure runs between forty and fifty pounds.

On both Friday and Saturday evenings large crowds visited the site of the well and gazed at the big blaze.

B. Kutch, manager for the company, says that the one well as it now stands will furnish more than enough gas to supply the number of consumers required under the franchise granted by the city and he is confident that a greater supply is not far distant. But even if this should not be true a half dozen wells like this one would not only supply the entire city for domestic purposes but leave an adequate supply for manufacturing purposes as well.—Weiser American.

QUIET WEDDING WEDNESDAY

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stewart Wednesday, May 17th, when Mr. Ena Armstrong and Miss Ruth Stewart were united in marriage. The happy couple will make their home near Cambridge, Idaho, where Mr. Armstrong has charge of the ranch of C. E. Amidon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. C. Pratt.

SATURDAY CONCERTS POPULAR

1. March—"The Whip," by Abe Halzman.
2. Tone Poem—"You, I and Cupid," by Le Boy.
3. Melodies from "The Bohemian Girl," arranged by Dalbey.
4. March—Triumph of True Tones, by Clay Smith.
5. Concert Waltz—"Ninetta" by E. W. Bennett.
6. Solo for Bella—"Clover Blossoms," by Floyd Thompson.
7. Selection—Eight numbers from the French opera "Adele," by Jean Briquet and Adols Phillips.
8. Chinese Intermzzo—"Kan Bang Fong," by Ah Hel.
9. "Star Spangled Banner," Saturday 27th, 1916.

CANYON CITY MISSES WOOD

W. W. Wood, now living at Ontario, is a badly missed man in Canyon today as it always fell to his lot to pass the hat on election day to secure the necessary funds to collect election returns by an all night phone service. And by the way it might be germane to say that he has recently purchased an auto and now while not busy advising clients is consuming the golden moments of old Father Time joy riding. His joy riding firm is known under the name and style of Wood et ux while the law firm is McCulloch & Wood.—Canyon City Eagle.

South America should hurry up and finish its job of pacifying Mexico.

LITTLE INTEREST TAKEN IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

Vote Light in Country Precincts--Republicans Name a Winning Ticket

In the primary election last week the real interest from a national standpoint was the vote for the presidential nominee. While several favorite sons paraded from one end of the state to the other, the majority of the people had made up their minds that Hughes was the proper man to receive the nomination and he received a very large vote, without even signifying that he would accept the nomination. When a man has a nomination thrust upon him by the people of the whole country it means something, especially when no one but the people want that man. The thousands of dollars being expended by Roosevelt and his managers does not seem to have any influence on the people.

Will R. King received a nice vote in his home county and will be elected.

W. H. Brooke seems to be elected for delegate to the national republican convention.

For secretary of state the voters declared for Olcott, the present incumbent.

For public utility commissioner it looks like Corey, of Salem. If Corey is selected it is to be regretted for several reasons. Corey has resided at Salem for twelve years and is not in touch or sympathy with the eastern side of the state and therefore not qualified to give the people of this section what they are entitled to. We believe it would have been better if the people had selected a bona fide resident of the district as the law provides.

For the county offices the vote by the republicans was so great that it would seem only the republican nominees would have any show this fall.

The accompanying table gives the returns by precincts and you can draw your own conclusions.

For delegates to the republican national convention for the nomination of candidates for president and

vice president of the United States—State at large—Charles W. Ackerson 468, Daniel Boyd 826, Mrs. G. L. Buland 444, Geo. J. Cameron 779, Charles H. Carey, 573, F. H. Case 381, C. W. Fulton 580, Russell Hawkins 460, Samuel D. Peterson 154, Arthur C. Spencer 136, Frank M. Warren 38, J. H. Worsley 154.

For delegates to the national convention from this district, W. H. Brooks 915, J. N. Burgess 663, Charles O. Pollard 464.

For candidates for president—Theodore E. Burton 144, Albert B. Cummings 575, Charles E. Hughes 653.

For electors of president and vice president—R. R. Butler 1040, Willis I. Cottel 963, Francis S. Ivanhoe 498, W. P. Keady 700, M. J. McMahon 736, W. C. North, 775, J. F. Wilson 797.

For representative in congress—N. J. Sinnott, 915.

For secretary of state—Chas. B. Moores 582, Ben W. Olcott 750.

For justice of the supreme court—Geo. H. Burnett and Frank A. Moore.

Food and dairy commissioner—John D. Mickle.

For public service commissioner—H. H. Corey 171, James M. Kyle 62, J. W. McCulloch 1077, John P. Rusk 35, Robert Service 96, Ed. W. Wright 157.

For state senator—A. W. Gowan 395, Julien A. Hurley 887, Loring V. Stewart 244.

For representative—Charles M. Crandall 802, James J. Donegan 226, E. J. Phillips 468.

For district attorney—Robert M. Duncan 947, P. J. Gallagher 713.

For sheriff—Emory Cole 1125, R. H. McNeel 102, J. S. Woods 452.

For county clerk—V. B. Staples 1373.

For assessor—L. E. Hill 754, S. L. Payne 194, A. A. Roberts 440, F. B. Zutes 338.

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GREAT STRING OF HORSES AT FAIR

As a result of being a member of the Intermountain Fair and Racing circuit, the Malheur County Fair association will have the greatest string of race horses for its four-day fair in September in its history. The Intermountain circuit is composed of the following eight fair associations in Oregon, Idaho and Utah: La Grande, Baker and Ontario in Oregon; Boise, Blackfoot, Rexburg and Montpelier in Idaho; and Salt Lake City, Utah. This circuit will attract a big string of the best and fastest trotters, pacers and runners in the great west.

The Malheur county fair will be held September 19, 20, 21, and 22. There will be four big racing events each day of the fair, two of which will be harness races and two running races. The fair will put up \$4000 in purses for the four days, or \$1000 per day. These are the most liberal purses hung up for the races at any fair ever held here.

The eight weeks' circuit opens in Montpelier Aug. 15, 16, 17 and 18 and ends in Salt Lake the first week in October. The fairs in this circuit will be held in the following order: Montpelier, Rexburg, Blackfoot, La Grande, Baker, Ontario, Boise, Salt Lake.

The horses that make this circuit will find it very attractive for their owners, because they are thus enabled to have a good season's run in the intermountain country before going to the coast for the winter.

STOCKMEN EAGER FOR RANGE LANDS

W. E. Davidson of the Oregon & Western Colonization company was here for a short time Tuesday, checking up the local office of the company and arranging for the platting of the new townsite of Bendier.

Mr. Davidson says there has been a great deal of inquiry for their range lands and they have sold fifty sections since he was here a few weeks ago and have inquiries for as many more. The stock men are realizing that they are up against it for range and are buying up these cheap lands to protect themselves. They have quite a lot of range lands left in this county, but in Harney and Crook it is going very rapidly. Many of the cattle men and sheep men buying these lands have riders keeping trespassers off and the man without range is going to be up against it another year.

Mr. Weittenhiller met Mr. Davidson here and they were in consultation over the work of platting the new town of Bendier. The work is being rushed with a large crew of men.

Mr. Davidson stated that it had been definitely decided to build a line from Bend to Prineville this season.

PAYETTE TO HAVE GOOD CHAUTAUQUA

The Payette Chautauqua for this season will be held June 23-29.

They will have a bigger and better Chautauqua than last year.

In the lecture class will be Judge Wannamaker of the supreme court of the state of Ohio; Charles Zubellin, the eminent sociologist; Lou Beauchamp, a humorist speaker; Sylvester A. Long, and will close with an address by Robert Parker Miles, formerly religious editor of the Hearst syndicate of newspapers.

Among the musical numbers are the International Operatic company; the Skibinsky-Welch company; New York City Marine band; the Kaffir Boy choir and the Sequoia male quartet.

Another attraction which proves to be a very popular one is the Mason Antarctic pictures, 3000 feet of films in six reels which are the most wonderful travel pictures ever shown in America.

Gen Carranza may be afraid to use his authority lest he find that he has none.

DOCTOR TAKES POST GRADUATE COURSE

Ontario Got Hospital Mainly Because of His Untiring Efforts.

Dr. Jacob Prunzing has gone east again for a post graduate course in the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, run by the Mayo Brothers, who are acknowledged as the greatest and most up to date surgeons in the world. All the physicians employed are specialists and the best that can be hired.

Whenever we are reminded that the Doctor is taking another post graduate course we naturally think of the great benefit these are to the people of this entire section, as all afflicted are benefitted by the knowledge the Doctor brings into the community.

Another thought in this connection is the hospital, because Dr. Prunzing had more to do in the bringing of this great institution to Ontario than any other one person. We sometimes wonder if the people realize that the hospital saves some sixty to seventy thousand dollars annually to the community and also prolongs the lives of many people. Up to the present there have been nearly thirty operations at the hospital this month, twenty of these were major operations and ten minor, or at least that would be an average. If the people had to go to Boise or Baker for these operations it would mean at least \$250 each for the major operations and \$100 each for the minor ones. Then there are the scores who are there at all times for the excellent treatment and nursing to be had, totalling over six thousand dollars a month that is kept in the community. Some of these people would not be able to have treatment if they had to pay out the cash for it, as would be necessary if compelled to go away for the work, and another large percent would have to borrow the money if compelled to go away, as it is all these people are accommodated at home. Thus is over seventy thousand dollars kept in the community and distributed to the business men and farmers for the necessary supplies to run the hospital.

Where is there another man of sufficient public spirit to bring another institution to this city that will be worth even half as much to us?

BAKER CITY NEEDS MORE SKILLED LABOR

Baker, Or., May 22.—Because of the great rush of building in this city contractors are compelled to seek outside for skilled labor. Every available man is working, and many carpenters and painters have been brought from Portland. Contractors expect that the starting of the work on the \$125,000 high school building, as well as the \$100,000 in residences and stores outlined for the summer will call for even more men.

The demand for workers in the mining and lumber fields is still keeping up, although many high school boys have just been put to work.

CHEESE FACTORY RE-OPENED

The Parma co-operative cheese factory was recently reopened for business and about 4000 pounds of milk is being received daily. The milk receipts are showing a daily increase, and it is thought 5000 to 6000 pounds of milk will be received each day within a short time. Two Ford trucks are now being used in gathering the milk over two routes each day. It is already found that there is economy and a saving of time in using these trucks rather than wagons. The directors of the cheese factory are exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Adrian Tinner for their cheese maker. Mr. Tinner is an expert cheese maker of many years' experience. It is now confidently believed that this factory will be made a very successful institution.

Memorial Day's Lesson

"That we here highly resolve that these dead have not died in vain."

★★★★★ That government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth"

Lincoln